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Can You Identify These Black Men?



Powell Receives Spelling Bee Award



Sheldon Powell

Sheldon Powell, fourth grade student at Overton Elementary School received a certificate of achievement in a Spelling Bee contest last week. He received this award for "superior achievement and excellence of performance in spelling." He is the grandson of

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie L. Sanders, 2803 Vanda Avenue. Alternate was Melody Wilson, a fifth grader, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, 1810 East 27th Street. The final words in the 14 round contest were buckles and cabbage.

"Buffalo Solider" By Eddie Dixon



BUFFALO SOLIDER - Sculptor Eddie Dixon of Lubbock stands with his bronze sculpture, "Buffalo Solider," on exhibit at The Museum of Texas Tech University. (Tech Photo)

"Buffalo Solider" is a new bronze on exhibit at The Museum of Texas Tech University. Created by Lubbock artist Eddie Dixon, it was purchased by the West Texas Museum Association. Dixon is specializing at this time on blacks in the West, and he said that "Buffalo Solider" is the first of what he anticipates being a series of 10 or 15 sculptures on that theme. He is doing his own research, he said, and is consulting with experts on details as small as buttons and as important to the figures as weaponry and canteens. The black "Buffalo Solider" served in the U.S. Indian fighting army. As one critic described them, they were "fine horsemen, hard fighters, well-disciplined" and "formed such splendid regiments as the 10th Cavalry." They preferred shaggy hide coats on winter campaigns and from this prefer-

Lincoln-Douglas Tea Here Saturday

The 14th annual Lincoln-Douglas Tea will be held Saturday evening, February 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the New Hope Baptist Church. The public is cordially invited to attend this annual affair. The theme for this year's special effort is: "What Young Americans Want... Change/Not Revolution." Mrs. R. B. Thompson is director of the annual event. T. J. Patterson will serve as master of ceremonies. Iman Shakir Muehe will be guest speaker.

Deltas Host Annual Red White Ball

Sorors of the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service sorority, will sponsor their "Red and White Ball" Saturday, February 23, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Booker T. Washington Post 802 American Legion Hall, 4102 East 61st Street. The attire for this affair is formal.

ence, some say, they were christened "Buffalo Soliders" by the Indians.

Sculpting began for Dixon as a child when his mother bought him modeling clay. He put it aside for a time, however, and earned a bachelor's degree in zoology at Texas Tech. After coming to Lubbock he one day explored a craft shop for a plaster statue in a search for a figure from Greek or Roman mythology. Because he couldn't find what he wanted, he said he melted leftover Christmas candles and made the form from that wax by using a stick and a butter knife as tools. He took the wax model to a foundry and was encouraged there to work in sculpting wax.

He later moved to Chicago to work for a grain company. There Dixon decided that he could either work at an 8-to-5 job or work at sculpting, but not both. He quit his job last year, returned to Lubbock and turned to sculpture.

His first series were warriors of the pre-Christian era, an Iberian, Scythian, Hannibal and other figures representing the Mongolians, Greeks and Vikings. Although he has worked on life-size figures, most of his sculptures are smaller, and "Buffalo Solider" is a 19 by 29-inch figure weighing 150 pounds. Dixon is working now, however, on a life-size figure of Sheba, Queen.

His works have been cast at the (Jerry) House Bronze foundry, and Dixon credits much of his progress to House's encouragement.

"My goal," he said, "is to be recognized as a sculptor." Continue on Page 2

Editorial

"We Salute All Blacks In Lubbock Labor Force"

The Lubbock Digest, your weekly newspaper, business, companies, agencies and the total populace take pride in saluting Blacks in the Lubbock labor force.

Although many Black career people in Lubbock will not be seen in this special issue, along with their employment, the Lubbock Digest apologizes for not being able to do so. Because of resources, beyond our control, it was not possible. Many of you should remember that since we have been publishing this newspaper, our staff has been limited. Most of the time, there have been only two of us. This is our third annual effort and we are proud to do what we could to say "Congratulations" to the Black Labor Force in Lubbock.

Special issues as this in the future, we will be able to do a better job displaying some of the progress being made by outstanding Blacks in Lubbock. We realize that progress has been made. Not by any means enough, but there has been some. Our goal is to keep pushing and not take for granted that everything is alright.

We, Blacks as a people, have come a long way in Lubbock and across the country, but that is only the beginning. The strides we made have been too slow even though there have been some of us who have been able to reach the market place with sellable skills. We must still forge ahead because the torch has just begun to burn. We must continue!! We cannot stop NOW!!

We hope, with all sincerity, that our younger Black citizens, especially those in grade school and junior high school before their minds are corrupted, will pay close attention to what some of their peers are doing in Lubbock. With a lot of hard work, they, too, can find opportunities in our city. At the same time, we hope those young Blacks, men and women, in position will not just settle for a job, but an opportunity to grow. People die on jobs, and grow with opportunities.

We feel as though there are many opportunities in Lubbock for all citizens. As Blacks, we have to work harder to get our piece of the pie. With all the obstacles in our path, and those brothers and sisters who have fought so we would have such opportunities, we can't give up now!! The doors will open easier now than they would fifteen years ago in most instances. On the other hand, in some instances, we are further behind than we were in the 50's and 60's.

The Lubbock Digest is proud of the accomplishments of our Black citizens of Lubbock and the County, but we are in no way satisfied because of the accomplishments, even though we've made some steps. We can't say enough: how important it is for us to keep on pushing. There is not time for us to slow down NOW!!

It is our hope that Blacks will be seen in true leadership roles, making decisions for the masses. We still are short in the decision making images in Lubbock. We want more Blacks hired by the County, and County Commissioners and Judge Rod Shaw we hope you hear us. Maybe by next year, there will be some developments in the hiring of Blacks in larger numbers by that political sub-division.

Also in our next year's special tribute to Blacks in the Lubbock Labor Force, we want to see Blacks in higher positions here. We are still concerned about the hiring of a Black assistant superintendent in the Lubbock Public Schools. Our next year's feature will deal with the real Black history of manpower. You see, we will go way back into the early 20's and began to show what Blacks have really done here.

All in all, the picture is looking a little better here, but we are still not satisfied. We salute those who are making the contributions, and, most of all, those pioneers who made it possible. Blacks really don't have to leave Lubbock to find their place in society. We can get ahead if we help each other and encourage those who are in position. Most of all, let us not forget where we've come from, i.e. "The Flats" and "Queen City" if we are Lubbock reared.

Delta Sigma Theta Pledges Support

The president of the Nation's largest Black Greek-letter organization of women recently pledged an all-out mobilization of the membership in behalf of the 1980 census. Mrs. Mona Humphries Bailey, president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, said that the sorority's 643 chapters in 42 states will be working their communities to assure the most complete count possible in the 1980 census, which begins April 1. "There is too much at stake," said Bailey, "for us to be overlooked or not counted in this census."



Mrs. Mona Humphries Bailey

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EDITORIAL

(Editor's Note: The following series will be run each week to enlighten the Black community of how important it is to be counted on Census Day, April 1, 1980. We'd also like to hear from you concerning these articles by Ethel L. Payne.)

Blacks And The 1980 Census: What It Means For Them

by Ethel L. Payne

In 1790, the slave population was concentrated in the South, most of it in Maryland, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. By 1850, these concentrations had spread to Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee. The first census also showed that most of the free Blacks and a small percentage of slaves lived in the North. However, until recently, the vast majority of Blacks were still concentrated in the South; but a new pattern of migration emerged in the South during the '70's. There has been a decline of outmigration and a noticeable increase in immigration, a sort of "returning to the roots." This can best be attributed to two things—the changing climate in race relations and the phenomenal economic growth of the region. During World War I, there was a mass movement of Blacks from the South which continued through the 20's. In contrast to the reverse flow in the 70's, during the three decades of 1940, 50, and 60, the South lost 1.5 million Blacks. The North was the destination of most of the migrants, but there was a sharp rise of Blacks moving to the West, most noticeably to California. Again economic and social modalities were the catalysts for change. The first census for which urban-rural data on Blacks were available was in 1890. It showed that 80 percent lived in rural areas. Eighty years later, this was completely reversed; Blacks had become a highly urbanized population, more so than whites. The 1970 census showed that 81 percent of the Black population was concentrated in urban areas, with the largest clusters in the central cities. The proportion of Blacks in the total suburban population (outside central cities of metropolitan areas) showed a slight decline from 1960 to 1970.

GROWTH PROFILE

Blacks in this country are living longer, though the differential between their life expectancy and that of whites is still substantially wider. Since 1940, the most significant gains in longevity have been among younger Black Americans. Significant decreases in both infant and maternal mortality rates for Blacks have been noted. Improved health delivery services, plus the accelerated movement to centers where health and education facilities are more accessible have contributed to the general improvement of the population. The median life expectancy for Black males and females in 1975 was 63 and 71 respectively. That is about six years less than white life expectancy. The report on "The Social and Economic Status of the Black Population in the United States" says that "An excess of females over males in the Black population has appeared consistently in the census returns for over 100 years. In the last census, there were over 1 million more females than males in the Black population;" but it adds a disclaimer that the preponderance of females over males may be overstated because of the relatively greater under-coverage of males than females in the decennial census. Economically, the "state of the race" reflects a mixed bag of growth. On the poverty level, here again there was a noticeable reduction from the 1959 figure of 9.9 million as compared with 28.3 million Whites officially classified as poor. In 1977, the number of Blacks below the standard income level rose by one-half million in 1974. The "Stride Toward Freedom"

which Martin Luther King, Jr. used as the title for one of his books followed the road maps for Education and Employment; yet, the detours continued to stretch the journey into extra mileage. In 1950, just 5 percent of Black men and women ages 18 to 24 were enrolled in college compared with 21 percent in 1977. The proportion of Blacks 25 to 34 who are college graduates increased from 2 percent in 1940 to 11 percent in 1978, but this was only half as much for those Whites likely to be college graduates. At the secondary school level, it is significant that the proportion of Blacks in the South completing high school has been consistently lower than that in the North and West. This has remained unchanged over 35 years (1940 to 1975). Unemployment, the persistent spectre of despair stalks the Black communities, so that even as former UN Ambassador Andrew Young puts it, "There are very few Blacks who aren't more than two paychecks away from poverty."

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Ringling The Bell



by Bob Tieucl

The Black Experience in Haiti

Dear Bob - Joe Walker, who is chairman of arts, business and humanities at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, recently visited Hispanola, an island in Haiti, as a part of the 17 member group representing Methodist churches in New Mexico, Texas and Colorado.

He described Haiti as "one of the poorest countries in the world" where Christianity taught by the many religious groups which maintain schools; there is mixed with the age-old practice of voodoo.

According to Walker, the average income of the Haitian is \$400 a year, and usually a family has only one meal a day except for possibly a little coffee and a scrap of bread in the morning.

Meals are served to the children in the church schools and Haitian 'cafeterias' are open-air affairs with a big pot of whatever is available (it was beans and rice that day) cooked over a charcoal fire similar to a campfire. (The group was accompanied by a medical doctor and three nurses).

Walker said there were no water inside the homes of the poor and thus no plumbing, and there is no electricity. He said ten percent of the population is wealthy, the rest poverty-stricken. School water supplies come from wells fitted with hand pumps.

There is no spare food for pets. Walker said the party saw no birds, which he speculated are killed and eaten as soon as they reach sufficient size. He believes the plight of the people would be even more desperate if many kinds of fruit and coconuts did not grow wild in the lush and beautiful vegetation which covers the land.

Walker said the Haitians are black and speak a mixture of French, English, and Spanish, mostly French, which he described as a 'melodic language'.

Some Americans, Walker said, live in Haiti, mostly retirees who have been attracted by the low cost of living there. The group was impressed by the magnificent scenery but repelled by the unsavory conditions under which the poor must live." signed Kathryn Morris, a bellringer.

Chimes: Lest we forget, the reigning Miss World is Gina Swainson from the black island of Bermuda. She is a statuesque young wine expert, 21 years old and was crowned in London the past November of a field of 70 international beauties. She has brown eyes, dark hair and measurements of 36-24-38 and once attended the University of Wisconsin. And believe it or not, third runner-up was another black island representative, Miss Carolyn Debbie Campbell, an 18 year old student from Jamaica. As Miss World, Gina received \$10,750 in prize money and a guaranteed work contract for one year amounting to some \$35,000.

William P. Clements, Jr., the first Republican Governor in 105 years, is getting high marks from concerned Texans for his equal employment opportunity practices in appointing Black Texans to high positions in his Administration. In a little more than six months, it is reported that Clements has appointed thirty Blacks to positions with a net gain of 24 new appointments.

"The fastest growing minority (Mexican-Americans) have made many gains but there have been also many disappointments" believes Ruben Bonilla, national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens. It was Hispanics and Blacks already make up about 50 percent of school-age children and it is estimated that by the 1990s, these two minorities will make up more than 60 percent of children from kindergarten through the 12th grade, Bonilla said.

Ray Zaubler, fearless and independent editor of the Oak Cliff Tribune, recently wrote: "Instead of holding the line on price, operating conservatively and seeking modest increases in earnings - some of the oil moguls have gone absolutely wild. What could happen is the nationalization of the oil and gas industry and even other energy-related businesses." end of quote.

Zaubler is a dedicated disciple of the free enterprise system and when he writes like this, perhaps somebody should take another look at our failings.

While Black employment grew at a faster rate than White employment from 1954 to 1965—24 percent for Blacks and 18 percent for Whites, since 1965 the relative gains in employment for both Blacks and Whites were about the same—around 28 percent. For most of the period from 1948 to mid-1978, the unemployment rate for Blacks was a least double for that of Whites. There were exceptions during the late 1940's, early 1950's, and in 1970, 1971, and 1975. The rate of Blacks in the second quarter of 1978 was 12 percent, about 2.4 times the rate for Whites. This was the widest gap between the two groups since the federal government began recording statistics by race. Black teenage unemployment reflects the most grim statistical picture: It is the highest jobless rate with the sharpest increase of all segments of population. The figure climbed from 16.5 percent in 1954 to 40 percent in 1975-1977. In the second quarter of 1978, the rate was 36.9 percent. Home ownership, the dream of every American, has eluded many Black families. The rate of Black households has been consistently lower than those for White households since 1890. However, the rate of property acquisition has shown an increase since 1940, particularly in the South due to several factors. These are higher income levels, more marriages and household formation, and Federal governmental programs to facilitate home buying.

Nowhere in a review of the status of the Black population has there been a more dramatic growth noted as in the increased participation of Blacks in the electoral process. In the Reconstruction Period following the Civil War (1869-1901) 816 Blacks held public office. Of these, 22 all from the South, were elected to Congress.

Continue Next Week
WHAT THE CENSUS MEANS FOR BLACKS

Explain to your children your own attitudes towards discipline and social behavior



WHY ARGUE? THE FACTS ARE HERE!



BLACK EMPOWERMENT

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.
Human Rights Activist

Prayer
Poem

A HEROIC ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

With the increasing mass phenomenon—originally located in our urban ghetto schools, but now spreading rapidly to the suburbs—known as "de-education," there have grown up across the country a number of alternative educational patterns which have come to be called alternative schools.

One such school which may serve as an illustrative model is represented by the Nairobi Day Schools and High School, incorporated of East Palo Alto, California. A national educational evaluation group has described these schools as one of the best alternative school projects in the nation. The Nairobi Schools are black.

The inception of the Nairobi Schools came about in 1963, when one black mother with only a high school education herself became deeply disturbed at what she saw as the psychological and intellectual destruction of her son in the local ghetto public schools. Remembering her own experiences of "sneaking off" the Louisiana plantation in which she had been reared, Mrs. Gertrude Wilks—who now serves as mayor of her municipality—awoke one night and called a friend in a neighboring town for help. Her friend replied by telling Mrs. Wilks to bring her son to live with her so that he might be enrolled in a vastly superior school district.

In much this way what came to be a substantial and highly successful "struggle" program was begun and an interracial group—later to include both black and white mothers—known as Mothers for Equal Education emerged.

The Mothers gradually organized a Wednesday afternoon and all day Saturday tutorial program with strong support from black and white teachers and reading special-

ists from all over the San Francisco Bay area.

This project was supported from small contributions of parents and from bake sales and fashion and variety shows sponsored in the community. The Nairobi Day Schools and High School which developed in the 1970's is supported in much this same way, supplementing tuition assessments of from approximately \$100 to \$1,000 per entire family, according to an ability to pay.

The Nairobi Schools are a full time project, and Mrs. Wilks the intrepid organizer serves as director. While the Nairobi Schools are not officially accredited, graduates have had no difficulty being admitted to Harvard and other prestigious schools along with many public colleges and universities.

The staff of the Nairobi Schools, as well as its board of directors, has always been interracial.

One of the services which the Nairobi Schools performs for other parent groups—and to public school districts—is to conduct low-cost seminars and make other presentations reflecting their invaluable insights and experiences with overcoming serious learning problems over a period of more than fifteen years.

Individuals or groups wishing to contact the Nairobi Schools may write to: Mrs. Gertrude Wilks, Nairobi Schools, Inc., 2358 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, California. The telephone number is 415-322-8800.

Of some interest also should be the experiences of the Mothers for Equal Education in the areas of interracial cooperation. The Mothers have always been an integrated group comprised of the most unlikely kinds of committed and creating black and white men and

women. With an increased focus upon roles which whites might play both catalytically and supportively in black communities, the story of the highly successful Mothers for Equal Education experiment should be instructive and inspiring to many different kinds of groups throughout the country.

Several other considerations emerge from the fascinating story of the Nairobi Schools, both of which relate to the indomitable and infectious spirit of Mrs. Gertrude Wilks. One is that grass roots groups—without absolutely no grants or major gifts from anyone other than themselves—can work heroically to achieve seemingly impossible goals.

This kind of example needs to be shown throughout most of our beleaguered and so often disillusioned black communities. There needs to be an aggressive and abiding sense of "We Can Do It!" Mrs. Wilks and the Mothers are a living testament to that fact.

Furthermore, there is—in Mayor Gertrude Wilks—an exciting personal life story of exceedingly difficult beginnings as part of a roving sharecropper family in rural Louisiana to a place of prominence, accomplishment, distinction and acclaim as mayor of a 70 percent black small California ghetto municipality. Gertrude Wilks reflects in her own person an amazing saga which needs to be shared and enshrined as a precious part of our nation's heritage.

Eloquent in her speech, commanding in her modesty and inspiring in her ideas and ideals, Mrs. Gertrude Wilks—who is often described as synonymous with the Nairobi Schools—is herself an experience to learn about and prize.

The theme of "looking forward, not back" is underscored magnificently in the hymn, "Go forward, Christian Soldier," which was written in 1861 by Laurence Tuttle. When the Civil War clouds were booming, there was in the United States a strong sense that a holy crusade was emerging. For Christians, there needs to be the daily recognition that our whole life is a kind of warfare against daily trials on the part of the Tempter. That is what this hymn brings home to us.

Go forward, Christian soldier,
Beneath his banner true
The Lord himself, thy Leader,

Shall all thy foes subdue,
His love foretells thy trials;
He knows thine hourly need;
He can with bread of heaven
Thy fainting spirit feed.

Go forward, Christian soldier,
Nor dream of peaceful rest,
For Satan's host is unquiescent
And heaven is all possessed;
The Christ himself shall call thee
To lay thine armor by,
And over in endless glory
The crown of victory.

Life is struggle. When we face it alone, we fail. When we join with God's army—which we can join through our church—we are on our way to victory!



we remember.

Black Salesmen At Wards



Glenn Fleming

Two of the black employees at Montgomery Wards are Glenn Fleming and Stevie Springer. A salesman for Montgomery Wards, Fleming is a furniture and carpet specialist. He is a graduate of

Lamesa High School where he participated in the basketball program. He was also a member of the 1967 3-AAA State Championship team. Upon graduation from high school, Mr. Fleming attended South Plains Junior College in



Stevie Springer

Leviand and Angelo State University of San Angelo. Mr. Fleming enjoys selling having an opportunity to work with people in walks of life. He says: "This is truly a blessing within itself." He is married to Della

and they are proud parents of a son, Bisah. He admits that his goal in life is to someday get into the field of public relations. Another employee of Montgomery Wards is Stevie Springer who is a salesman in the TV and

Stereo Department. "I enjoy talking to the public and selling as well," smiles Springer. A former graduate of Olton High School, he has attended Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Texas where he majored in management. "You know, I make it a part of my daily routine to encourage all young Blacks of today's society to strive for higher goals in life."

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Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan



In the talk of today, this column will bring you some good news and some bad news, entertainment-wise.

The good news first. Unfortunately, the report comes as a post-mortem, for the show closed its run on Saturday night, more's the pity. I am referring, of course, to the Texas Tech Music Theatre-Civic Lubbock, Inc. sumptuous and exciting production of that delightful musical, "My Fair Lady," which enjoyed an enthusiastic public response run at the big Lubbock Municipal Auditorium, opening on Valentine's Day night and running through Saturday.

What a superb job the 50-member cast of singers, actors and dancers, orchestra and staging crew did with this one! Again, the whole thing, success or potential flop, was in the hands of master director-producer John Gillas and he has done it again. This writer spoke with him during the intermission and nastily expressed hope that he pull clinker one of these times, just to prove he,

too, can be human, I suppose. He's given us a dozen or so operas and musicals so far and he hasn't skipped a beat yet. "My Fair Lady" was no exception to his record, that's for sure. Outstanding was the acting, the singing, the dancing for the most part (Peggy Willis was the choreographer), and, last but not least, the settings, costumes and the amazing adherence to the difficult and tricky Cockney dialect. Astounding, really.

He had a terrific cast, too. Kim Murchison was all you could ask for as Eliza Doolittle, the flower girl who became a lady (and a woman) was fine, even if a little light-voiced for that cavernous house, while it is hard to visualize or hear better Henry Higgins or Colonel Pickering than portrayed by Tom Francis as the former and Mike Medley, Ann Alford as a warm Mrs. Higgins and Julie McQuain as the housekeeper was delightful. John Priddy as the lovesick Freddy was just right and that evaluation just about held true right down the line to the least character.

But, the honors of the night went unquestionably to teenager Steven Skibell in the demanding, rich role of the middle-aged toper, Alfred Doolittle. Here's the find of years. Steven has rhythm, acting ability par excellence, singing powerful and sure, comedy talent galore and his

dancing is eyebrow raising. What localite Technan Terry Cook has achieved at an early age as a musician-actor in his singing. Skibell stole the spotlight with him in this genre. Skibell stole the show, lock, stock and barrel and rightfully so.

Phillip Lehrman conducted his pit orchestra with precision and sensitivity and the curtains and settings were totally in keeping. I had a glorious time and I know the big audience did too. Gillas, we love you!

Now the bad news. There is on view at the UA South Plains Mall Cinema these days an item that is titled "The Last Married Couple in America." It has Natalie Woods, George Segal, Richard Benjamin, Dom De Luise, Valerie Harper (a blonde Rhoda now), and Bob Dishy as a lecherous attorney among those present. This tells of the suburban set, the various separations and divorces in the set and the particular problems of the last remaining couple the Thompsons. It's a bed-hopper without the beds and a whole vocabulary to today's permissive and somewhat unpleasant language.

In fact, when one remembers that Natalie Wood was a child star once, whose career has spanned a good many years, to hear her mouthing the most celebrated of the four-letter word group, it becomes somewhat nauseous. If bad language is your thing, then go to it.

The show is billed as a comedy, but the laughs are few and far between and somehow what happens to these a moral characters doesn't seem to matter too much. You'd be better off staying home and watching the Fonz or some such like.

Every year about this time Lubbock Community Concerts Association holds its subscription membership campaign for the upcoming year. This is the concert series which offers top-flight concerts under a blanket membership which entitles the card holders to all

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Laura Parks

Dunbar High School in 1966 and in the fall of that year, attended Texas Southern University. She is a member of the American Business Women Association. She and her husband, Earl Parks, are members of the Faith First Baptist Church. She has a daughter, Kenya, who is two years old.

Taylor Enjoys Red Cross Work

Dempsey Taylor is currently serving as the Safety and Youth Director of the Lubbock Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Taylor's duties include scheduling classes, lecturing, staging demonstrations, training instructors and teaching safety and first aid classes. Taylor has been working with the Red Cross for three years. Taylor and his wife, Ann, are the parents of six children; four boys and two girls. Three of their sons attend college, the oldest girl is a senior in high school, the other daughter is in junior and

their youngest son is in elementary school. The family attends New Hope Baptist Church. Taylor is also a member of the Lubbock Optimist Club.

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concerts on the slate, no reserved seats. Concerts are open only to membership holders; no tickets are sold at the door for any concert. Memberships are \$15 (Family Plan, \$40) and students, \$8.

The 1980-81 season will include The Southwest

German Chamber Orchestra; The Tucson Boys Chorus "Ambassadors in Levis"; Toccatas and Flourishes (organ and trumpets); and Violinist Gil Morgenstern.

This year's concerts have been held in

Montrey High Auditorium, an altogether unsatisfactory locale, but the new season will return to the Civic Center Theatre, praise be.

You can contact Lubbock Community Concerts at 3205 60th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423.

Next week, comments on the highly controversial movie, "Cruising," the Al Pacino starring film on a touchy subject.

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Members of New Hope Baptist and Bethel

African Methodist Episcopal Church worshipped at Lyon Chapel Baptist Church last Sunday morning in the anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Perry, Jr. It was a wonderful service and Rev. A. L. Dunn preached a dynamic message.

This writer received word Saturday that one of niece's had surgery in Hill Crest Hospital in Waco, Texas. At this writing, she is doing fine.

Again, Bernadene, one of our city bus drivers, is home for awhile and is doing nicely. She has to

get some rest.

Mrs. Willie Cox called Mrs. G. H. Davis from Waco. She has been very ill, but is doing much better.

The Barbara Jordan Senior Citizens worshipped last Sunday morning at St. Luke Baptist Church.

Mrs. Mary O'Neil is a patient at Methodist Hospital. She is a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

The George Francis family was shut in on last week with the flu. Mrs. Rocana Harris surprised the Senior Choir at St. Luke Baptist Church with a Valentine party on last Thursday night. All enjoyed the fun. All are saying, "Thank you, Mrs. Harris."

Timothy Jerome Baker of Buffalo, N. Y., who is stationed at Reese Air Force Base, Texas, was united in Holy Matrimony on February 14th with Bernadette Thompson. She is the daughter of Jim and Adrea Thompson. They are enroute for overseas.

Word came to Lubbock this week that Mrs. Vivian Jones died Monday in Eastland, Texas. She was funerals in Texas. Plans are not complete at this report. She was president of the Women's Auxiliary of West Texas District Association. She is the mother of Joseph Jones. Let us pray for this family.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members of the Outreach Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the quiet lovable home of Mrs. A. W. Washington at 9 a. m. As you know the weather was cold, but this family was determined to pray and eat together in spite of it. Presiding over the meeting was Mrs. C. E. Fair. Opening scripture was taken from St. John 8:1-15 and 32-33. It was followed by prayer by Mrs. Dinwittie. Some very encouraging remarks were given by the president. Morning scripture lesson was taught by Dr. Lloyd Perry, Jr. It was taken from the Living Bible, Romans 8:1-15 and 32-33.

"Who then can ever keep Christ love from us? When we have trouble or calamity, when we are hunted down or destroyed. Is it because he doesn't love us anymore? And if we are hungry or penniless or in danger, or

threatened with death, has God deserted us?"

Thought for the day: "There is no problem for them who follow the Lord." Think about it!

This lesson was truly enjoyed by all. It was a lesson to think about. Thanks, Pastor, for being present. Truly the Lord was with us. You brought sunshine into such a gloomy morning. Come again!

Breakfast was served by the gracious hostess. Are you hungry?

Guest last Saturday morning was Dr. Floyd Perry, Jr.

Prayer request was made. Do you have one? If you do have one, come by or call, and share it with friends who care.

Our sick and shut in list include Mrs. Ophelia Smith, at home; Mrs. Mary McGraw, Ms. Brenda K. Castle, a patient at Health Science Center Hospital; Willie M. Thomas, at home; Rita M. Randle, at home; Brother Freddie Eddington, Veterans Administration Hospital at Big Spring; and Mrs. Verlina Carroll, at home.

To the Willie M. Kelly family and other sick and bereaved families, remember God specializes in things which seem impossible.

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The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Rose Wilson, 212 51st Street.

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Mrs. Mary Ward is president; Mrs. C. E. Fair, vice president; Mrs. C. E. Brown, secretary; and Mrs. Dorothy M. Hood, reporter.



Ms. Ruth Hill

Because almost all of my business is in East Lubbock, I decided some time ago that a capable black lady was a must for my business. So for a year or more, I looked and advertised for a capable black lady to help operate and manage my note car lot that had been on the same intercession for 23 years. And since I finance my own cars she must be very efficient and able to type. So after a long search, I found Ms. Ruth Hill and thanks to Lubbock CJC, she could type. She was also very capable of filling the job in other ways since she is a native Lubbockite. She will be with my company a year in July, 1988. Ruth has an adopted daughter, Tracy, who by the way stays on the honor roll at Atki's Junior High School, and a host of brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles living here in LUBBOCK. Ruth is a member of HOPE DELIVERANCE TEMPLE CHURCH. She is the daughter of Mrs. Cleo Dray and the REV. JAMES HILL, formerly of Lubbock and now the pastor of THE RISING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH of Levelland. Besides being the best looking employee in Lubbock, she has many other jobs. Ruth is the office manager, sales manager, credit manager, collection manager, bookkeeper, secretary, receptionist, and in her spare time, she raises sand with the boss.

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Blaylock was born to the late Hanie Blaylock and Lucille Blaylock. He departed this life on February 10, 1980 at the early age of 31. He attended school in Lubbock, graduating from Dunbar High School in 1967. After graduating, he played semi-professional basket-



Mt. Calvary Choir Presents Musical

The newly organized choir of Mount Calvary Baptist Church presented a musical Friday, February 15, at 7:30 p. m. and Sunday, February 17, at 3 p. m. Special guest were members of the Mount Olive Baptist Choir of Laton and Pilgrim Baptist Church of Lubbock.

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He leaves to mourn his death a mother, Mrs. Lucille Blaylock of Lubbock; a daughter, Jana Jacques of San Bernadina, Calif.; a fiancée, Irma Lee Taylor of Lubbock; three brothers, Jimmy Frank of Houston, Hanie, Jr. and Marvin, both of Lubbock; a sister, Jana

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The darkness shineth as the light,
Search, prove my heart; it longs for thee!
O burst these bonds, and set it free!

Wash out its stains, refine its dress,
Nail my affections to the cross;

Hallow each thought; let all within
Be clean, as thou, my Lord, are clean.

Savior, where'er thy steps I see,
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"Every person should find satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment in his work," says James Watkins, Director of Mackenzie Pottery Center, a division of the City of Lubbock's Park and Recreation Department. The 28-year-old artist was born in Louisville, Kentucky, the oldest in a family of six children, and he wanted to be an artist as far back as he could remember.

"I remember a calendar my grandmother had when I was very small. I couldn't read or write, but I thought the numbers on the calendar were so pretty. I drew them over and over again, trying to get mine to look exactly like the calendar."

Watkins was able to attend college on an art scholarship, and he first studied commercial design. That's when he became interested in ceramics.

A ceramics class met each day in the room across the hall from his design class. Every day he stopped to watch the people playing with the clay. One day, as he watched, a man formed a clay pot on the potter's wheel. This fascinated Watkins and he wanted to try it.

The man laughed. "I'll bet you a dollar you can't make one the first time."

Watkins accepted the challenge. At the end of the class period, he had made a short, dumpy, ugly pot, and he was hooked on ceramics.

For the next three days, he skipped design class and went to ceramics class. At this point, the design class instructor insisted he make a choice—design or ceramics. Watkins chose ceramics. In 1973, he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, with a speciality in ceramics and drawing, from Kansas City Art Institute. He got his Master of Fine Arts, specializing in ceramics and sculpture, from Indiana University in 1977.

By that time, Watkins had achieved some recognition in his field and had shown his work in a number of shows. He had also met a lovely artist, Sara Waters, and married her. In 1978, Sara accepted a position as an art instructor at Texas Tech and the Watkins family moved to Lubbock. Watkins had plans to open a studio here.

What Watkins didn't know was that Jim Flippo of the city Parks and Recreation Department's Cultural Affairs Division had an idea. He wanted to build a pottery center, staff it with skilled instructors and make it the finest in the country. Flippo needed someone who could start with nothing and create the center he had dreamed of. He decided James



James Watkins

Watkins was the person he needed. Watkins agreed to try.

Under Watkins' direction, Parks department personnel built the center, located in the former Parks department offices in Mackenzie Park. The old building was renovated, and 11 potter's wheels were installed. Watkins built a 30-foot down draft cone 10 salt kiln, a 30 cubic foot down draft cone 10 reduction kiln, a raku kiln and pyrogon electric

kiln. Now he teaches the art of ceramics and supervises five other part-time teachers, including his wife, Sara. There is only one other city-sponsored pottery center in the United States, Watkins says. And it enjoys an international reputation. There is no reason why the Mackenzie Pottery Center can't achieve the same reputation for excellence, he says. That is his goal.

Black Employee At Sears

Linda Kay Williams began her career with Sears on July 24, 1973 as a part-time telephone sales person in the Catalog store which was located on 50th Street.

At the time, the store closed. Linda transferred to the Audit Department of the main store and began working full-time.

Linda is a member of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fir Avenue. When she is not



Linda Kay Williams working at Sears, Linda enjoys reading, sewing and spectator sports.

WORDS OF LIFE

Biblical Inspiration For The Week

"Just and true are your ways."—Revelation 15:3

1. *The ways of God are just.* To be "just" means to be right. A ledger sheet is "stuffed" when it is brought in balance. A plumb line is "just" when the balance stands still. Hence, no job, God says to us, "Be just, and know that I am God." God wants our lives to be just, that is, exactly true and as precisely right as His own most just life.

2. *The way of God are true.* God is truth. Only in Him does all life, all reality have its being. Whatever is

not of God, so our Christian Science brothers so aptly remind us, is not reality. It is only the seeming and is not the true.

3. *"Wake up to reality."* This is what a song popular some 30 years ago admonished us. Change and decay in all around we see, but the God who changes not reflects reality. Our life, to be productive, eternal and worthwhile, must find its source and center in the God whose ways are "just and true."



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Lubbock National's Black Employees

The black employees of Lubbock National Bank are very important members of the overall Lubbock National team, according to Wayne Finnell, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Edwin Scott, Sr., mail clerk, has been with Lubbock National for thirteen years. In recognition of his job performance, attendance record and overall attitude toward his fellow employees, Mr. Scott was voted "Mr. LNB". Eddie and his wife, Pearlina, have four children; Mrs. Linda Roberson and Mrs. Patricia Adams of



Edwin Scott, Sr.
Houston, Mrs. Francis Lampkin of Austin and Edwin, Jr. of Lubbock. Mr. Scott and his wife attend Bethel African

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ollie Guy, another employee in the mail department, has been with Lubbock National Bank for eleven years. Mrs. Guy (Maude) is a Supervisor at Methodist Hospital and they have four children: Larry Rhone and Myra Smith of Los Angeles, Mrs. Brenda Yates of El Paso and Mrs. Gwendolyn Hunt of Lubbock. Mr. Guy is a member of New Hope Baptist Church.

Hulla Mae Johnson has been employed at Lubbock National for eleven and a half years as



Ollie Guy

a cafeteria assistant. She has five children: Jerry Lee, Herbert, Mack Douglas, Jr., Author R., and Terry L., all of



Hulla Mae Johnson

Betty Robinson, a cafeteria assistant for the last eight years, is the wife of Hardy L. Robinson, Sr. They have three



Betty Robinson

children: Hardy L., Jr. of Houston, Mrs. Maco Stelly of Ft. Carson, Colorado, and Mr. Shelia Moore of Lubbock.

Freddie Mae Johnson has been a cafeteria



Freddie Mae Johnson

assistant since joining Lubbock National Bank in 1975. Mrs. Johnson has two children, Tara Annese and Jeana. Mrs. Johnson is a member of St. Luke Baptist Church. Sammie Johnson has been an employee of Lubbock National for five years. As an employee of the Real Estate division, Mrs. Johnson is in the property area of this division. Sammie and husband, Robert, have



Betty Redie

data entry operator for Lubbock National for two years. She and her husband, Clarence, have one child, Shreaze. Mrs. Redie attends St. Paul Baptist Church.

Bertha Russell, a cafeteria assistant at Lubbock National for two years, is the wife of Charles Russell, Jr. The Russells have two children, Charlene and Shemeka. They attend the Church of the

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Sammie Johnson

two children and attend St. James Baptist Church.



Bertha Russell

Living God. Finise Linthicum has been with Lubbock National for eight months balancing Demand Deposit Accounts. A graduate of Hobbs High School and New Mexico Junior College, Finise is currently attending Texas Tech University. He is a member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.



Frances Bell

Frances Bell has been with Lubbock National for three and a half years. Mrs. Bell works in the Real Estate department assisting with home owners' insurance policies. Mrs. Bell is a graduate of Dunbar High School and attended Bishop College in Dallas. She and her husband, Robert, have two sons, Adelus and Terrance. Mrs. Bell is a member of the Dunbar Booster Club, the Dunbar Alumni Association and Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.



Shirley Scott

Shirley Scott has assisted with home owners' insurance policies for one year at Lubbock National. She is a graduate of Estacado High School and attended Texas Tech University. Miss Scott is a member of Christ Temple Church.



Barbara Johnson

Barbara Johnson, a proof machine operator, has been with Lubbock National for three years. Ms. Johnson is a graduate of Dunbar High School and attended Texarkana Junior College. Ms. Johnson has four children: James, Michael, Sheree and Tarius. She is a member of Faith First Baptist Church.



Mary Jorden

Mary L. Jorden, a cafeteria assistant, joined Lubbock National in 1978. Mrs. Jorden has four children: Mary K., Lyda K., Vera F. and Greg D. The Jordens attend Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.



Barbara Johnson

Another member of the bookkeeping department is Kathy Garrett who has been with Lubbock National for two years. Mrs. Garrett is a graduate of Dunbar High School and attended Waylon Baptist College. She and her husband, Lee, have three children: Russell, Reginald and Rolanda. She is a member of the Church of the Living God.



Rev. C. C. Peoples

Rev. C. C. Peoples joined the bank in 1979 and is a member of the Data Processing Department.

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Southwestern Bell's Black Employees

As Southwestern Bell enters the 1980's, telephone customers in Lubbock are entering a new era of telecommunications technology that in a few years will revolutionize home and business communications.

In making an annual report to local customers, Jim Goodwin, Southwestern Bell staff manager, said the company spent \$1.2 billion on new telephone facilities in Texas in 1979 and expects to spend \$1.3 billion on construction this year.

"The massive spending levels are necessary to meet the communications growth needs of Texas," Goodwin said, "and to adequately prepare for the future when Bell System technology will transform the telephone from an instrument for voice transmissions to a sophisticated, computerized home and business communications system."

That will mean that such activities as shopping, banking transactions and going to school can be accomplished without ever leaving home. And business customers can control office operations through their information systems, using them for such services as forwarding mail, transferring funds, transcribing memos, controlling temperature and lighting levels and even perking the morning office.

"While tomorrow holds plenty of excitement and challenges for all of us at Southwestern Bell, we're working hard today to see to it that our customers have the equipment and services they need and want."

Goodwin said. "This is especially exciting in dealing with our business customers. Working closely with business people, we examine their needs and plans, then design a system to provide them with the communications tools and services that can help them operate their businesses more efficiently," Goodwin said.

"This may be a new, sophisticated Horizon system for a small business customer, or the Dimension 2000 PBX system for large business customers who have as many as 2,000 telephone lines."

To continue to serve needs and prepare for the massive changes the communications industry will undergo in the next few years, Southwestern Bell reorganized into three new segments during 1979 - business, residence and network services, Goodwin said.

Working under the new organization lines, there are 836 Southwestern Bell employees in the Lubbock area, representing an annual payroll for the local economy of \$14.5 million.

"Southwestern Bell is expecting to gain an additional half million telephones statewide during 1980, bringing the number in Texas to nine million. We are expecting to be serving a record number of customers in our area by the end of this year," Goodwin said.

Major construction projects costing an estimated \$3.3 million are scheduled in the local area during 1980, according to Goodwin, while \$5.2 million was spent on telephone construction in 1979. Major projects during

1979 included construction of a new central office at 98th Street and Frankford Avenue. Improved telephone service to West Lubbock was provided through another construction

project in which 133,000 feet of cable was installed.

Also in 1979, Lubbock became the first large city in Texas to be served 100 per cent by electronic switching systems (ESS).



Mary Jo Meridith
TSPS Operator

Mary Jo Meridith, TSPS operator, has worked for Southwestern Bell since March 3, 1972. As an operator, Meridith's job entails placing long distance telephone calls and handling emergency phone calls.

Meridith has worked in many different departments of Southwestern Bell and has been a TSPS operator in Houston, in the Lubbock District, Meridith has worked in the Employment Office, Comptrollers Office and Marketing Department.

Meridith has one daughter, Antionette Denise Meridith, who is four years old.

Meridith is a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, and has also served as past president of Young Black Business Woman's Association.

Meridith attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood, and her hobbies include reading, cooking and writing.

Blanche Helena Smith has been a TSPS operator since May 26, 1969 and has accumulated eleven years of service with Southwestern Bell. Smith's job duties consist of placing long distance calls for customers and assisting on local emergency calls.

Smith has two daughters, Pearl and Chanda; and three grandchildren, Ruben, Rochanda and Chanette.

Smith is a member of the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church and her favorite hobbies are bowling and listening to music.

Since June 21, 1969, Julie Johnson has worked for Southwestern Bell as a service assistant in Operator Services, a service representative in the Business Office and is now employed as a TSPS operator.

As a TSPS operator, Johnson places toll calls for customers and assists on local trouble and emergency calls.



Blanche Helena Smith
TSPS Operator



Yvonne Williams
TSPS Operator



Julie Johnson
TSPS Operator

Johnson is a member of St. James Baptist Church where she is active in the choir and the junior mission.

Johnson has served as

membership chairperson for the NAACP, and is a member of the YWCA and PTA.

Employed with Southwestern Bell in Lubbock



Harry Johns
PBX Installation Repair Technician

since January 21, 1974, Yvonne Williams has been a TSPS operator for six years.

Williams' job requirements include handling

local emergency calls and placing long distance telephone calls for customers.

Aside from spending

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TI Congratulates Kermic Powell

Texas Instruments, Incorporated congratulates one of its outstanding employees, Kermic Powell.

Kermic has been with TI since March, 1972. He hired in with the company in Dallas as a Manufacturing Engineer and spent four years there before transferring to the Hub City.

Kermic came to Lubbock TI in 1976 as a Production Control Supervisor for Time Products. He is now a

Material Planning Supervisor and he has held that position since last fall.

Kermic has been with Time Products since its beginning and he is known as an authority on the watch model and part numbers of all the TI watches ever made.

He and his wife, Ann, have two sons; Jeremy, age 11, and Christopher, age 7.

Kermic lists his hobbies as golfing, bowling and basketball.



Kermic Powell



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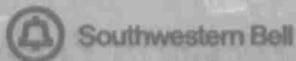
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Devro Employees Enjoy Affirmative Action in Action

Devro, Inc., a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, is proud of the Black employees of this company.

One of the black employees is Frederick Jackson who began with the company July 21, 1975 as an Assistant Production Supervisor. He transferred to his present job of Personnel Administrator on December 13, 1976.

Mr. Jackson attended Thrall, Texas public schools and graduated from Union High School in Brownfield, Texas in 1969. He attended South Plains College in Levelland, Texas and received a B. A. degree from Texas Tech University in Government and Political Science.

The twenty-nine year old Jackson is single and is a member of the Baptist Church.

His hobbies include reading, singing, and sports. He has lived in Lubbock for six years and resides at 5416 13th Street.

Wanda J. Moore began her career with Devro, Inc. as an Accounting Clerk. Her present job, however, is Process Control Lab Technician. She has served in the Accounting, Production, and Process Control Departments.

Ms. Moore, who resides at 3333 Toledo Avenue, is single and a member of the Church of Christ.

She attended high school in Terrell, Texas and graduated in 1969. She also graduated from Lubbock Christian College.

At present time, Ms. Moore is working on her B. A. degree in Accounting at Texas Tech University and is expected to graduate May, 1980.

A resident of Lubbock for six years, the twenty-nine year old Moore is single. She claims as her hobbies as sewing and reading mysteries.

Another employee at Devro, Inc. is Theodore T. Smith. He began his work with this company December 12, 1977 as an Assistant Production Supervisor. He was



Frederick Jackson



Wanda J. Moore



Theodore T. Smith



Ellwood Ellis

promoted January 7, 1980 to his present position of Production Supervisor.

At one time Mr. Smith owned his own business here and has been a

resident of the city for 17 years.

His military experience include serving in the U. S. Army from 1952 until 1954. He attended A. J. Moore High School in

Waco, Texas and graduated from Paul Quinn College there.

A member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, he is married to Mrs. Erma Smith. They are proud parents of two children, Mary, 16; and Theodore T., Jr., 14.

His hobbies include fishing, swimming and camping.

The Smiths reside at 5419 8th Place.

Enjoying his career at Devro, Inc. is Ellwood Ellis. He began working as a Gel & Solutions Operator on June 5, 1975. He was promoted September 17, 1979 to present position as Assistant Production Supervisor.

He attended public school in Shallowater, Texas and graduated in 1965.

A veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps, from 1965 to 1969, he is married to Mrs. Ester Ellis. They are proud parents of three children, Ellwood, Jr., 9; Shirlene, 7; and Jerome, 5. They are members of the Church of God in Christ.

A resident of Lubbock for 24 years, the 33 year old Ellis enjoys art and weight lifting.

The Ellises reside at 3314 East 16th Street.

LNB Black Employees

Continued from Page 10 ment. Rev. Peoples and his wife, Vivian, have four children. He is also the pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Slaton.



Clara Lawson

Clara Lawson, a cafeteria assistant, joined the bank in 1976. Mrs. Lawson and her husband, Cleo, have five children: Henry Eddington, Glenda Faye Sims, Shirley Jean Williams, Bessie Walker and Cleo Lawson, Jr. The Lawsons attend the New Hope Baptist Church.

Mark Anthony Johnson is currently a part-time employee of the Controller's Division. Mr. Johnson will graduate in May from Texas Tech University with a degree in accounting. Mr. Johnson is a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

TEC Employees Enjoy Helping

Among the employees of the Texas Employment Commission, there are six Black employees who are making outstanding contributions to this commission. They are Sandra Meares, Senta Jackson, Don Daniels, Jossie Lethridge, Leslie Ware, and Lee Bagley.

Ms. Meares is presently completing three years of employment at the Texas Employment Commission. She started work as a clerk and later qualified and passed the Merit System examination for Employment Interviewer.

She was promoted to Employment Interviewer on July 1, 1979.

Sandra operates a placement desk and states she enjoys securing jobs for unemployed workers.

Sandra hails from New Jersey and being a member of a military family, she attended the American High School in Wiesbaden, Germany. Her father is a military career man and the family currently lives in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Ms. Jackson is the friendly voice of the Texas Employment Commission. She operates the TEC switchboard and routes incoming calls to the appropriate person.

She began her career with TEC in June, 1978 as a clerk performing varied clerical duties. The switchboard now occupies all her time.

Senta attended Estacado High School and has worked as an electronic assembler and as a sales clerk before taking the TEC job.

Mr. Daniels has been with the Texas Employment Commission for more than ten years. He is a lead interviewer in the Placement Department. He handles job opportunities for building maintenance and security personnel. He also assists in supervision and training of employees assigned to his placement unit.

Don and his wife, Sharon, have a 15 year old daughter. He taught school five years before joining TEC.

Don was graduated from Langston University with a B.A. in music. Mrs. Lethridge has been



Sandra Meares



Senta Jackson



Don Daniels



Jossie Lethridge



Leslie Ware



Lee Bagley

employed at the Texas Employment Commission for seven months. Her duties are varied. She is classified as a stenographer and her job includes taking dictation, typing, and operating a transcribing machine for the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Department. She also works in the Placement Department performing typing, filing, key entry operation, and working at the information desk.

Mr. and Mrs. Lethridge have two children. Before beginning employment at TEC, Mrs. Lethridge worked at Texas Tech University School of Law.

Mrs. Lethridge attended Duarbar High School and Draughon's Business College.

Ms. Ware is employed as a clerk typist at the Texas Employment Commission. Her duties include clerical, typing, and serving at the information desk in the Placement Department.

She is currently training on switchboard operation and as key operator for TEC data entry system.

Leslie has two children.

She has been employed at the TEC office since September 17, 1979.

Mr. Bagley graduated from Texas Tech University with a B. S. in Political Science. He worked as a salesman, maintenance worker, and in warehouse work before joining the Texas Employment Commission in March, 1978.

Lee is an Employment Interviewer. He secures job openings and places workers in all types of truck driving and service station jobs.

Lee is a member of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church.

SWB Employees

Continue from Page 11 time with her children, Sharon, John and Arturo. Williams enjoys bowling, playing tennis and playing pool.

Harry Griffin Johns, Jr. has worked for Southwestern Bell since March 3, 1969.

He is now employed as a PBX installation repair technician, and in the past has worked in the Security group and as an installation technician in residence and coin operations.

Johns and his wife, Rosie, have three children, Billy Joe, Tonya Rochel and Darrin DeWayne.

Johns is a member of the Civic Center Advertising Committee, and is an Honorary Future Telephone Pioneer.

He spends his spare time working computers, electronics, and playing the guitar.

Johns is a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

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Devro, Inc., a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, supports Equal Employment Opportunity for all citizens of this area. The Affirmative Action Program is a cornerstone of Devro's management policy. Among the goals of this program are the hiring and recruiting of applicants for all positions (based on valid job requirements and ability) without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, handicap, or military service.

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